# Recruitment in police: list of successful candidates in a week

**By Our Staff Reporter**

LAHORE, Jan 1: Punjab IGP Jehan Zeb Burki said here on Friday the list of successful candidates for recruitment of 5,000 police constables would be displayed within a week in all districts of the province.

Addressing a news conference, he said the recruitment process was halted on the instructions of chief minister who had received complaints of irregularities in marking of written papers. He said a three-member committee comprising the law minister, the Home secretary and the IGP was constituted to supervise the re-evaluation of all successful candidates. He said the committee detected only 438 cases in which marks obtained by the candidates on the two occasions differed by more than 10 per cent.

Earlier, the IGP sought to dispel the impression created by some reports appearing in a section of the Press that crime rate in the Punjab was higher than in Sindh. He said there had been 4,732 murders in the Punjab (6.5 per 100,000 population) during the 11 month period from Jan 98 to Nov 98 against 2,172 in Sindh (7.3 murders per 100,000 population). During the eleven month period, he said, 394 murders were reported in Lahore (6.3 murders per 100,000 population) against 901 in Karachi (9.7 murders per 100,000 population).

Mr Burki said 36 cases of kidnapping for ransom were registered in the Punjab (0.5 case per million people) while 91 (3 per million people) were registered in Sindh. There were 10 cases of kidnapping (2 per million people) registered in Lahore against 25 (3 per million) in Karachi. He said there had been 11 dacoities per million people in the Punjab and 17 per million in Sindh. The figure came to 16 per million in Lahore and 22 per million in Karachi.

The IGP, however, admitted that there had been more rape incidents in the Punjab than in Sindh. As many as 1,653 rape cases (22 per million population) were registered in the Punjab against 317 similar cases (11 per million population) registered in Sindh.

Mr Burki said the Punjab police had also been able to bring down incidents of sectarian violence. He said there had been 92 incidents of sectarian violence involving death of 195 people in the year 1997 and 38 resulting in the death of 75 people in 1998. The IGP said another important figure was the policemen to population ratio. He said there was one policeman for a population of 779 in the Punjab. In Sindh, the figure was 321.